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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV, WA
SUBJ: NAMIBIA: GROUP OF FIVE PROPOSED MEETING WITH SWAPO

1. GROUP OF VIE REPRESENTATIVES MET INFORMALLY JULY 21
TO DISCUSS INTER ALIA SWAPO'S FAILURE SET DATE FOR
MEETING BETWEEN SEAPO AND FIVE IN NEW YORK. JULY 11
DATE ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED BY FIVE HAS PASSED WITH NO FIRM
ALTERNATIVE OFFERED BY SWAPO. IN THIS CONNECTION, SWAPO
UN REPRESENTATIVE THEO-BEN GURIRAB TOLD AMBASSADOR MCHENRY
THAT HE PLANS LEAVE FOR LUSAKA IN NEXT DAY OR TWO TO
DISCUSS DATE WITH SWAPO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
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2. FAILURE TO MEET THUS FAR AND TO PIN DOWN NEW DATE
IS CAUSING INCREASING PROBLEMS BOTH POLITICALLY AND
PRACTICALLY. POLITICALLY, IT LEAVES VACUUM WHICH MAY
ENCOURAGE EXTREMIST STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS BY SWAPO
AND SAG. SYG WALDHEIM, MOREOVER, TOLD FIVE REPRESENTATIVES
JULY 21 (SEPTEL) THAT HE COULD FORESEE LITTLE FORWARD

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MOVEMENT IN FIVE EFFORTS AND NO CHANCE OF ACTIVE UN
COLLABORATION UNLESS AND UNTIL SWAPO FORMALLY APPROVED
THOSE EFFORTS. PRACTICALLY SPEAKING, SUMMER VACATIONS
AND UPCOMING CONFERENCES, SUCH AS LAGOS APARTHEID
CONFERENCE SCHEDULED BEGIN AUGUST 22, WILL MAKE IT INCREASINGLY
DIFFICULT ASSEMBLE PRINCIPALS IN ONE PLACE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: FIVE REPRESENTATIVES REQUEST THAT,
AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES IN LUSAKA,
YOU SUGGEST TO SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA THAT MEETING
BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 10,
AFTER WHICH MANY, INCLUDING SWAPO, ARE LIKELY BE INVOLVED
WITH LAGOS CONFERENCE. WE DO NOT WANT TO PRESSURE SWAPO,
BUT YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT FURTHER DELAY WOULD BE IN
INTERESTS NO ONE.

4. WITHOUT SUGGESTING THIS TO SWAPO, REQUEST YOU ALSO
DISCUSS WITH OTHER FOUR POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING MEETING
WITH SWAPO IN LUSAKA INSTEAD OF NEW YORK. WE RAISE
THIS POSSIBILITY AS ONE WAY TO FACILITATE EARLY MEETING,
ALTHOUGH FIVE IN NEW YORK WOULD PREFER HOLD MEETING
HERE, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
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